



SPRING TRAIL CLEAN-UP DAY: A rousing success!

Claude Moore Park's Spring Trail Clean-Up Day was held on Saturday, April 16, from 8 AM-12 PM. 90 volunteers assisted the full-time staff during this clean-up event that was part of Keep Loudoun Beautiful Month.

The volunteers and staff picked up 63 bags of trash, 26 tires, and miscellaneous metal and wood debris from the park's borders, internal roads, streambeds, and trails. 1.02 tons of trash were removed to the County landfill.

Groups that participated included Junior



Volunteers gather for morning orientation at the park's amphitheatre.

Girl Scout Troop 809, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, the Potomac Democrats, Broad Run High School Key Club, Tetra Tech, Boy Scout Pack 1156, Churchill Road Elementary School, Friends of Claude Moore Park, and many of the park's Adopt-A-Trail groups. Individuals who volunteered came from Arlington, Sterling, Ashburn, and other local areas.

The park staff would like to thank everyone who attended this event and volunteered to help us "green-up!"



Park Maintenance Staff load the dumptruck for the run to the landfill.

U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," to play Mother's Day Concert at the Park!

Claude Moore Park is proud to announce that the United States Army Band will perform a FREE Mother's Day concert at the park. The concert will be held in the historic area on Sunday, May 8 at 6 PM.

For over 81 years, The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" has maintained a tradition of excellence as the premier musical organization of The United States Army. The Band was founded in 1922 by Army Chief of Staff General John J. "Blackjack" Pershing to emulate European military bands he heard during World War I. The Band continues to play

an important role in events of national and international significance, staging performances from the battlefields of World War II to our Nation's Capital.



Musical selections will include "Bossa Merengova," "Tribute to Mahalia Jackson," "Hymn Song Suite," "Armed Forces Salute," "Stars and Stripes Forever," along with a few patriotic marches and concert band favorites.

Anyone interested in attending the concert should bring picnic chairs, blankets, and even a snack. Parking will be available at the Visitor Center on Old Vestal's Gap Rd., at the Farm Museum on Heritage Farm Lane, and at the Sportsplex parking lots on Loudoun Park Lane. Everyone will need to walk to the site; for special accommodations, please contact the park prior to the concert.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Each month, Claude Moore Park would like to recognize a volunteer who donates much of his or her spare time for program assistance, special event help, or other projects as needed.

This month, we're recognizing an entire group of volunteers:

Junior Girl Scout Troop 809.

Troop 809 is based in Ashburn and the troop volunteered at the park for the first time during Spring Trail Clean-Up Day. There are nine members between the ages of 10-11, including Kyra Brower, Rachel Eden, Emily Eisele, Taylor Gray, Alexandra Hauss, Miranda Meadows, Alexandra Moore, Megan Snyder, and Devin Williams. Troop leader is Aimee Eden.



Troop 809 members remove a No Parking sign from one of the park's streambeds.

This troop is very active in the community. The girls have collected cans during the holidays and helped sort food at the Interfaith Relief Food Bank in Leesburg. The girls have also donated stockings filled with goodies to the Salvation Army.

The troop really enjoyed the clean-up day, especially getting muddy! The group took a vote after the event and decided to adopt one of the park's trails. Their participation in this event fulfilled one of the last major requirements for the Bronze Award, the highest award that a Junior Girl Scout Troop can receive. "Helping clean Claude Moore Park was something that the girls felt was very important as they are all interested in taking care of our environment," said Leader Eden.

If you would like to become a volunteer, contact us at 703-444-1275.

Upcoming special events or programs that you don't want to miss!

For the adults, Claude Moore Park is offering the 2nd season of the **Vestal's Gap Walking Club**. The club is walking each Wednesday at 6 PM. This club is FREE and open to anyone who is 18 or older, and you can join at any time. If you plan to join the club, please contact the park and put your name on the list; no other registration is necessary. Wear appropriate shoes as the trails can be muddy and wet in the spring. Bring some water.



Nature Discovery Day is right around the corner. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, May 7 from 1-4 PM and has a great new format this year. The event is open to all ages and will be held rain or shine. Upon arriving, all amateur naturalists will receive a Naturalist's Notebook that they will get stamped as they move from station-to-station. This year, participants will be able to do hands-on birdwatching and identification, conduct water sampling at the park's ponds, meet the park's resident turtles and learn about other reptiles, learn to identify different trees, and much, much more. Frogshackle Nature Center will also be open with hands-on



activities in and around the center. Get your notebook stamped at every station and you'll receive a great nature surprise at the end of your trek! No registration is necessary for this program, and it is FREE to the public.

Claude Moore Park is also hosting a **Civil War Bus Trip** focusing on the "**Gateway to the Shenandoah**" and is scheduled for Saturday, June 11. This trip will go by way of Ashby's Gap into the Shenandoah Valley, with stops in Paris, Mt. Carmel Church, and Millwood. See Jackson's October 1862 headquarters, the site where Mosby attempted to negotiate his surrender, and the Old Chapel and its cemetery. Next, visit White Post to learn about its Civil War significance. Then go by way of Berryville to return to the park via Snicker's Gap. #361749.



Lastly, Claude Moore Park has added a late addition to its special events. The park will also host a Father's Day concert on Sunday, June 19 with the Loudoun Symphonic Winds. More information about this event will follow soon.

For more information on these programs, please contact the park at 703-444-1275.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity in 2005, Claude Moore Park has the project for you!

First, students can volunteer at the park by becoming part of the **Summer Naturalist Intern** program. Teenagers, ages 13-18, who enjoy being outdoors are encouraged to apply for volunteer positions. Applications will be accepted until May 20. Interns will receive training in nature study, outdoor safety, stewardship, habitat restoration, sharing nature with children, park history, and park regulations. Call the park for your application!

Second, you can also volunteer by joining the **Friends of Claude Moore Park Advisory Board**. This 501c3 volunteer group supports the park's events, staff, and programs through many avenues. This group has done fundraising, event staffing, and advocacy with local government. **The next meeting of the Friends of Claude Moore Park is May 4 at 7 PM at the Visitor Center in the park.** Please join us for a meeting to see what the group is all about!

Lastly, **Claude Moore Park is recruiting volunteers to become docents** for the Lanesville House, the park's historic property. A docent is a specially-trained volunteer who will provide tours and historical interpretation to the public. We're looking for docents with a love of history to volunteer as a way to ensure that the house remains open to the public. Special training will be available, and becoming a docent does require some learning on the docent's part. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact us. We are gearing up for 2005 events and would love to have you as a part of our volunteer team!



Lanesville House parlor decorated for the holidays in December of 2004.

More Spring Photos from the Park



One, two, three, four, five....



Junior Girl Scout Troop 809 works around one of the park's streambeds.



The park offers a rental program for our picnic kits and nature packs. They make a great addition to any activity here at the park.

Calling all Arts & Crafts Vendors

Do you make and sell jewelry? Do you carve wood and sell your carvings? Do you sculpt pottery and sell your wares? If so, then Claude Moore Park is looking for you. The park is hosting the 1st Annual Autumn Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, September 10, 2005.

Claude Moore Park is approximately 30 miles from Washington, DC and Frederick, MD, in the heart of Northern Virginia's shopping district, and close to Route 7, the Capital Beltway, the Dulles Greenway, and Route 28.



This outdoor show will run 10 AM-4 PM; vendors will be allowed to set-up starting at 7:30 AM. Event clean-up will run from 4:15-7:30 PM. For \$20, vendors will be provided with an assigned 10 x 10 area; vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, and tents. This event will be held rain or shine. Vendors will be able to park at their selling location. LIMITED electricity is available for \$10; at this time, the park is limiting electricity to food vendors.

Spaces will be pre-assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. A final confirmation packet will be sent two weeks prior to the show detailing directions, a park map, and grounds information including each vendor's location. Admission to the public is FREE.

Please visit www.loudoun.gov/prcs/parks/claude.htm and go to the park's special event section; vendors can download an application from this site.

Please contact Claude Moore Park at 703-444-1275 for more information about this arts & craft show!